UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION

DR. ROBERT W. MALONE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 3:22-cv-00046

WP COMPANY LLC, D/B/A THE WASHINGTON POST,

Defendant.

THE WASHINGTON POST'S MOTION TO DISMISS

WP Company LLC d/b/a The Washington Post, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully moves the Court to dismiss the Complaint in this action with prejudice, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) and Virginia's anti-SLAPP statute, Va. Code Ann. § 8.01-223.2. The grounds for the motion are set forth in the accompanying memorandum of law.

Dated: November 7, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 7, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing Motion to Dismiss with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system, which will send a notice of electronic filing to registered CM/ECF participants.

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